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SUBJECT: ANTAKYA THREE; U.S. PRISONERS IN TURKEY

- 1. IN A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL
 EARLIER THIS WEEK AND FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION EARLIER REPORTED
 (SEPTEL), I RAISED WITH HIM QUESTION OF WHERE
 GOT'S CONSIDERATIONS RE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING
 EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS TREATY WITH THE U.S. NOW STOOD.
 (MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT IT WAS BOGGED DOWN IN THE
 JUSTICE MINISTRY.) FONMIN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A
 NEW DEVELOPMENT WHICH OBVIATED THE NEED FOR SUCH A TREATY,
 NAMELY THAT THE GOT NOW HAD AUTHORITY FROM THE TURKISH
 PARLIAMENT TO "EXPEL" FOREIGN PRISONERS. THE FONMIN EXPRESSED
 HIS PLEASURE OVER THIS AND INDICATED THE GOT COULD NOW DEAL WITH
 THE U.S. PRISONER PROBLEM VIA THIS AUTHORITY.
- 2. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCLOSED THE FONMIN WAS UNFORTUNATELY IN ERROR. THE EXPULSION AUTHORITY HE MENTIONED REFERRED TO RECIPROCITY AUTHORITY FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, BUT DOES NOT AFFECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. PRISONERS OR BEAR DIRECTLY ON OUR PROBLEM. FOR THIS REASON, ON MARCH 11, IN MEETING WITH MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG (IN ADDITION TO OTHER SUBJECTS BEING SEPARATELY REPORTED), I RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH HIM. I URGED THAT, BECAUSE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPULSION TREATY (WHICH THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT HAS JUST RATIFIED) DID NOT RELATE TO THE USG, CONSIDERATION OF THE MEXICAN-TYPE TREATY ROUTE CONTINUE TO BE PURSUED BY THE GOT. ELEKDAG

INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PRESS FOR THIS BUT HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPULSION AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT WAS A GOOD ONE IN THAT IT PERHAPS SET A PRECEDENT THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO DEAL WITH THE U.S.-TURKISH PROBLEM.

3. THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE DOCUMENT TO WHICH BOTH CAGLAYANGIL AND ELEKDAG REFERRED IS "THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL VALIDITY OF CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS" SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, 28TH MAY 1970. ON ASSUMPTION THAT DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS COPY IN ITS FILES, WE ARE NOT FORWARDING TEXT. MACOMBER

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